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Second Harvest to split weekly distributions between two locations in August

The Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana weekly food distribution tailgate events will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org. For more information on donating, visit at curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and

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Salamonie, Seven Pillars named 'Natural Wonders'

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Visit Indiana released the latest edition of their 20 IN 20 campaign, this time highlighting some of the state's top "Natural Wonders," according to Josh Alsip, project manager for the Indiana Office of Tourism.

Among the locations named were Seven Pillars on the Mississinewa River and Salamonie River State Forest.

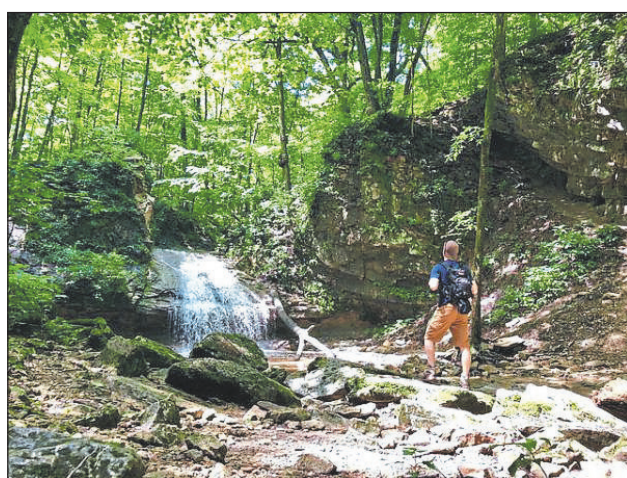
Seven Pillars

Alsip said that Seven Pillars on the Mississinewa River was "one of Indiana's most beautiful natural formations" and also "one of its most underappreciated." "The magnificent Seven

Pillars sit along the Mississinewa River about 4 miles south of Peru. Its 'pillars' were formed over hundreds of years as water and wind eroded the limestone. Round buttresses and alcoves were thus carved into the rock, making them what they are today," said Alsip.

The Frances Slocum Trail runs along the top of the formation.

"The 7 Pillars area and nearby locations important to Miami Indian history, including the Miami County Museum, make a wonderful day trip for campers and day visitors to Mississinewa Lake," said Teresa Rody, interpretive manager for the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)



Provided photo

Ravines, overlooks, rocky gorges and waterfalls line the Salamonie River State Forest.

Rody said those planning a trip should call the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127 to get more information about reaching the Pillars via Frances Slocum Trail Road. "There is also a driving

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Wabash defeats Manchester for the first time in girls' soccer program history



Photo by Bridget Nash / Plain Dealer

The Apaches rush to embrace Rylee Yoakum after she scores the winning penalty kick against Manchester.

Squires fall to Apaches in a gritty conference opener

By BRIDGET NASH
Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer

The Manchester Squires hosted the Wabash Apaches on Thursday night in girls' soccer. Both TRC teams brought back a lot of talent for this season, the Apaches having six seniors on their squad and the Squires having nine.

"With graduating just two seniors last year, this team is bringing back a lot of experience and leadership and

we are very excited about the freshman class that is joining our program this season," said Keisha Wright, Wabash head coach.

Manchester started with the kickoff and attempted to keep possession in the midfield. There were through balls being played left and right, providing opportunities for both teams to score but no player was able to make a clear connection with the ball.

In the middle of the first half, Kindra Stetzel, junior goalie, had an incredible save and stopped the Apache offense from changing the score.

The second half was no

different. Both teams had opportunities to score. However, neither team could connect all the pieces to put the ball in the net.

At the end of regulation, the score was tied 0 to 0.

During the first period of overtime, Madeline Von Uhl, Manchester forward, beat two Apache defenders and took a shot but was blocked by the crossbar. The second period of overtime began and both teams couldn't finish.

The penalty kick shootout began, starting with a miss from both teams. Two more players made their next shots from each team, putting the score at 2 to 2. The

fourth shooter in their line ups both missed, keeping the score 2 to 2. Manchester stepped up to take the shot and it was saved by Hannah Layne, Wabash goalie. Rylee Yoakum, sophomore midfielder, nailed the last penalty kick to the top left corner, sealing the Apache's first win in program history against the Manchester Squires 3 to 2.

"We've been preparing for this and to know that we did it and did it as a team, it feels so good," said Yoakum.

Bridget Nash, Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

Austin French makes music for the 'broken people'

Contemporary Christian artist to perform Sunday in Wabash

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This weekend, Contemporary Christian artist Austin French is bringing his Wake Up Sleeper Drive In Tour to Wabash, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator for the Honeywell Center.

The outdoor concert will feature his singles, "Freedom Hymn," "Born Again," "Why God" and his latest single, "Wake Up Sleeper." French will be joined by guest JJ Weeks.

"French has lived a lot of life in his 26 years. Hailing from small-town Cordele, Georgia, French has spent time in LA competing on reality singing competitions including ABC's 'Rising Star' and NBC's 'The Voice.' French's debut single 'Freedom Hymn' received radio play and ultimately peaked at No. 8 on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart. French was nominated for the 2019 New Artist of the Year GMA Dove Award," said Ellis.

The concert is set to start at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 at the 13-24 Drive In. Visit 1324DriveIn.com/Austin-French or call 260-563-1102 for tickets. Tickets are sold on a per-vehicle basis and allow for the admission of up to 6 guests. Price is determined by row: \$80, \$100, \$120 and \$250.

Earlier this month, French took time for a phone interview during which he discussed his musical journey, becoming a father and growing as an artist.

Origin story

French's mother is a music teacher, who taught in their house while he was growing up. French's father was a worship pastor at a church.

"I grew up around the church. I grew up around Jesus. I grew up around music. Music was in our blood," said French.

But, that didn't mean it was an easy path to his current vocation.

"I wanted to do music, but I didn't want to be a Christian," said French. "I was surrounded by this picture of the way I was taught in the south about what Christianity was. You go to church, you pretend to be perfect and then you go home and your life is falling apart. My family was super dysfunctional. And my dad was verbally abusive and people were always telling us he was the godliest man they'd ever met. And I was like I don't want to be a godly man if this is what it looks like behind closed doors."

French said once his parents

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Northfield Varsity girls' golf takes first place Thursday

Lady Norse will be back in action Tuesday, teeing off against Southern Wells, Bluffton

By ALINA REED
Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer

After falling to Whitko on Tuesday, the Northfield Varsity Girls' Golf team made a comeback Thursday.

The sun was hot, and the girls were ready for a victory. While playing on their home turf, Honeywell Golf Course, the Lady Norse took first place against Marion and Woodland on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Starting off the match, Ains-

ley Dale, junior, performed an amazing drive on hole one, leaving her approximately 75 yards from the hole.

"A goal I have this season is to shoot a 45 or under on all 9-hole games," Dale said.

Carly Hawkins, Norse senior, executed a lengthy putt on hole number two ending in the ball hovering over the cup.

"A highlight from tonight would be watching the girls grind out. Sometimes it is not always going the best for them,

but I always like watching them be tougher than the situation and get through it," said Cody McClure, Norse coach.

Although McClure's number one goal for the team is to do well in school, his goal for the team as far as playing is to try to get out to sectionals, for the second year in a row.

Nine holes later, the Lady Norse ended with a 207 winning against Marion and Woodland. Top three performers of the Norse included medalist Alex Cartwright, sophomore, with a 45 Ainsley Dale, junior,



Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Carly Hawkins, senior, tees off on hole number two with a solid drive.

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ISDH adds six new local COVID-19 cases since Wednesday; total now 191

The state still reported five local deaths

STAFF REPORT

Since Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has reported a total of six new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 191. The state still reported five local deaths.

Before Wednesday, the ISDH had reported 185 local positive COVID-19 cases.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 190 local positive COVID-19 cases, with 3,627 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as Thursday, Aug. 13 was 11 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported an additional local positive COVID-19 case, bringing

Wabash County's total to 191, with 3,661 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as of Friday, Aug. 14 was 10.4 percent.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12 ISDH announced they were, for the first time, making data on specific long-term care facilities in the state available. However, if there were less than five cases in that facility, no further information would be available. The data will be updated at noon each Wednesday.

During this week's update, no local changes were reported. In all, Wabash County long-term care facilities with recorded cases include:

Peabody Retirement Community: No new positive resident deaths or cases. Eight total resident positive cases. Less than five resident deaths.

Sixty-nine staff positive cases.

Rolling Meadows Health Care Center: Less than five each of new resident positive cases, new residents deaths, total resident positive cases, total resident deaths and staff positive cases.

Timbercrest Senior Living Community: Less than five each new resident positive cases, new resident deaths, total resident positive cases total resident deaths and staff positive cases.

Wellbrooke of Wabash: No new resident positive cases, new residents deaths, total resident positive cases or total resident deaths. Less than five staff positive cases.

Statewide on Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,050 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 84,317 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 2,992 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 13 from the previous day. Another 216 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

As of Friday, nearly 37 percent of ICU beds and more than 82 percent of ventilators are available across the state.

To date, 958,432 tests for unique individuals have been reported to ISDH, up from 945,471 on Thursday.

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Mary Ellen Smith

Aug 12, 1939 – Aug 19, 2020

Mary Ellen Smith, 81, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:44 pm, Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born August 12, 1939 in Wabash, to Paul Edward and Lottie (Hostetler) Bolinger.

Mary was a 1956 graduate of Peru High School, and was the valedictorian of her class. She attended Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee and also Indiana Business College, where she finished with a proficiency rating. She married J.D. Smith in Peru on July 20, 1958. Mary worked as a bookkeeper for General Tire in Marion, Indiana for 8 years, and Wabash City Schools, retiring after 17 years. She attended the Treaty Church of Christ the past 15 years and sang in the Youth for Christ Choir for 3 years. Mary was an avid IU Basketball fan, UConn Girls Basketball fan, and girls High School Golf fan. She enjoyed genealogy work. In her preteen years, Mary made Christ the Lord of her life and continued to follow him.

She is survived by her husband, J.D. Smith of Wabash, three sons, Drew A. (Kelly) Smith of Wabash, Stuart G. (Michelle) Smith of Carmel, Indiana, and Brian E. (Tere) Smith of Wabash, 7 grandchildren, Aaron (Christine)



Smith of Laketon, Indiana, Danielle Smith of Muncie, Indiana, Alexandria Smith of Noblesville, Indiana, Katelyn (Corey) VanDuyne and Shane Smith, both of Wabash, Catherine Smith of Noblesville, and Tyler Smith of Dallas, Texas, one great granddaughter, Shadoe Richter of Laketon. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Steve Hudson officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Gideons International. The memorial guest book for Mary may be signed at www.grandstaff-hengtgen.com.

Stan Walls

Sept 20, 1956 – Aug 17, 2020

Stan Walls, 63, of rural LaFontaine, Indiana, died at 9:30 pm, Monday, August 17, 2020 at his home. He was born September 20, 1956 in Huntington, Indiana, to Gilbert Eugene and Nondus Marcelle (Dunn) Walls.

Stan was a US Navy veteran and worked at Wabash Alloys 25 years. He was a member of the Lagro American Legion. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and traveling out west.

He is survived by sisters and brothers, Marilyn Lester of North Manchester, Indiana, Larry (Mary) Ross of Lagro, Indiana, Deborah Sills of Coldwater, Michigan, Patty Walls of Urbana, Illinois, Barb (Dave) Yeager of Peru, Indiana, Ronnie Walls of Lagro, Vicki



(Kevin) Clark of Waynesville, Ohio, Laura Gale of North Manchester, and Cynthia Crouse, of Boston Massachusetts. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengtgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

The preferred memorial is the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

The memorial guest book for Stan may be signed at www.grandstaff-hengtgen.com.

Billie Ray Bowling

Sept 22, 1932 – Aug 16, 2020

Billie Ray Bowling, 87, of Wabash, passed away at 9:35 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2020. He was born in Hyden, Kentucky, on September 22, 1932, to the late Lawton and Ida (Gibson) Bowling.

Billie is survived by two sisters, Irene Burge, of Lynn, Indiana, and Ann Wathen, of Lebanon, Kentucky. He is preceded in death by his

wife, Linda Lou Bowling; five brothers, and three sisters.

Per Billie's request, there will be no service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

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Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Salamonie senior luncheon set for Monday, Sept. 14

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 14, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

Master Naturalist April Reed will share her passion for raising monarch butterflies and tips and tricks she's learned along the way. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. The main dish of baked spaghetti will be provided as a fundraiser by Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, face coverings and CDC social distancing guidelines will be practiced. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Clark Gallery to host 2020 photography show

The Honeywell Center Clark Gallery will be the site of the 2020 Photography Show sponsored by Harmon Photography through Wednesday, Sept. 23. For the 2020 Photography Show, a photographer may enter up to three pieces. Categories include black and white, color, and altered images. To re-

view the 2020 Photography Show guidelines and complete the entry forms, visit HoneywellCenter.org/photo-show. Early entries can be made by appointment only by contacting Michele Hughes by email at clarkgallery@honeywellfoundation.org or by calling 260-274-1411.

Weed Wrangle to be held Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers and get some hands-on experience learning more about invasive species and how to manage them from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Those interested in attending should wear long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes; and bring work gloves, wide-brimmed hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Have tools? Bring them. No chainsaws. Some tools will also be provided. The first 30 people who register in advance and work will receive a “hot-off-the-press” UWIN T-shirt. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management announced as 2020 Business of the Year

Grow Wabash County has announced that Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management has been selected as the 2020 Business of the Year. Halderman will be celebrated for this achievement from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Honeywell Center during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration. Registration is now open for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2020annualdinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting “Tailgating on the Farm” from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their

all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

DivorceCare to begin weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, “features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery.” The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office @wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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tour complete with interpretive signage specific to Miami history, Early American Settlement, and the Mississinewa Battle of 1812 located within the Trails End area, 1812 reenactment area. A memorial site to those Miami and American Soldiers who lost their lives during the battle is also located there,” said Rody.

Salamonie River State Forest

Ravines, overlooks, rocky gorges and waterfalls line the Salamonie River State Forest.

“Enjoy 9 miles of hiking trails and 15 miles of horse trails. The state forest was created to reclaim the land that had become eroded by the river. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) reforested several hundred acres of land in the 1930s. The forest encompasses 950 acres, offering many recreational opportunities for visitors,” said Alsip.

Roday said the Salamonie River State Forest has “become a wonderful natural area transitioned from highly eroded farmland along the Salamonie River.”

Rody said this was in part, by the planting and building efforts of the CCC beginning in 1935.

“Remnants of the CCC



Provided photo

The Seven Pillars sit along the Mississinewa River about 4 miles south of Peru.

camp can be seen in several areas of the property, including the CCC-built shelter. Waterfalls are intermittent during dry autumn weather, but scenic trails and shady slopes are always present,” said Rody.

For more information, visit 9214 Lost Bridge West Road, Andrews, or https://visitindiana.com/blog/.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaineditor.com.

PENDING SERVICES

Dianna K. Spencer, 74, of Wabash, passed away on August 20, 2020. Services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash.

Dominick Hubbard, 23, of Wabash, passed away on August 20, 2020. Services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

A message to unite America

It has been a study in stark contrasts, from an opening prayer by a Latino minister in Florida, who asked God to bless "all of us, Republican, independent and Democrat," to yet another train wreck of a speech by President Trump, who warned of "radical left" extremists trying to "abolish the suburbs."

We've been watching the first nights of the Democratic National Convention, a strictly digital affair because of the pandemic, and we're being reminded of the country we love, the one we thought we knew, the one we want back.

The one where most people care about other people. Where enough of us understand we're in this together, as much as we might give each other fits. Where most of us know our diversity is our strength, as much as that jabs at our comfortable complacency.

"Help us, oh Lord, to be ever mindful of the most vulnerable among us," the Rev. Dr. Gabriel Salguero said in his opening prayer at the convention.

That's right. We had almost forgotten. We honestly care, as a country, about "the most vulnerable among us." Words like that used to sound perfunctory. Now they feel imploring.

Meanwhile on Monday, Trump stood on a tarmac at an airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and warned of hell to come if Joe Biden – amiable, center-left Joe – is elected president, which Trump said will happen only if the election is "rigged."

"They're going to take away your Second Amendment. They're going to make America a sanctuary for criminal aliens," he said. "They also want to abolish the suburbs by allowing far left Washington bureaucrats to force the

construction of low income housing projects in every neighborhood in America."

In three sentences, Trump hit a scaremonger's trifecta: Democrats will take your guns, let immigrant thugs kill you in your sleep and station Black gangbangers on every suburban corner.

But back to the Democratic convention. Back to the America we still believe in despite the last 3 1/2 years.

Rep. James E. Clyburn of South Carolina talked about American unity, which he said he still believes in despite the angry racial justice protests filling our streets – or maybe because of them.

"Much like the country as a whole, we are stepping out from the shadows of our past and beginning to lay the groundwork for a more just future," he said. "It won't be easy. We can only succeed if we move forward together. So we will need a president who sees unifying people as a requirement of the job."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, in his own way, talked about unity, too – the kind that defies party differences. The lesson of COVID-19, he said, is that we rise or fall together.

"Americans learned a critical lesson, how vulnerable we are when we are divided," Cuomo said. "And how many lives can be lost when our government is incompetent."

Sen. Doug Jones of Alabama deplored "some politicians" who "try to pit us against each other." And he invoked the names of two civil rights icons to remind us – Lord, how we need reminding – what our nation at its best is all about.

"It was here in Alabama where Rosa Parks helped ignite a movement by refusing to give up her seat on the bus," Jones said. "And it was here in Alabama where John

Lewis marched across a bridge toward freedom."

Jack Schlossberg, standing next to his mother, Caroline, invoked the words of the grandfather he never met, John F. Kennedy, to remind us that we're a whole lot better as a nation when a president asks what he can do for his country, not what his country can do for him.

In JFK's famous speech accepting his party's presidential nomination, Schlossberg said, he called for "courage, unity, patriotism" – values "as important today as they were in 1960."

Meanwhile, back on that tarmac in Oshkosh, Trump did his best to cast doubts on Biden's cognitive health, based on nothing, invoking the names of brutes – the autocrats he admires most – to make his point.

"He's shot, he's shot," Trump said of Biden. "Look, one thing I've learned Putin, President Xi of China, Kim Jong Un, Erdogan of Turkey. They are world-class chess players. We can't have a guy who's shot and in his best years wasn't very good."

Political conventions are not the fun they once were. The party's choice for president is known beforehand and there's little intrigue. A virtual convention, it turns out, offers even less excitement. It's like a telethon.

But we'll be watching this week all the same. We're appreciating the measured tone, the lack of bombast, the premium put on basic decency, the respectful effort to communicate.

A sense of things we've sorely missed washed over us.

And we'll keep an eye on Trump, too, just as long as necessary.

– This editorial was first published in the Chicago Sun-Times.

Kamala Harris's speech projected toughness. She'll need lots of it

As Kamala Harris accepted the Democratic nomination for vice president Wednesday night, the California senator sought to reveal more of her inner life but also to project toughness. She'll need lots of it.

Joe Biden's selection of Harris as his running mate marks a trifecta of firsts: No woman of color, Black woman or Asian American woman has ever before been part of a major-party presidential ticket. Being a first is never easy, because it means bearing such a heavy burden of hopes and dreams. In House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's speech to the convention, she said that Harris as vice president would be "a witness to the women of this nation that our voices will be heard." No pressure or anything.

Being a first means that you are underestimated by some and overestimated by others. It means that you need to have unshakeable sense of who you are – who you really are – because so many people, both foes and friends, will try to make you into something else.

From all indications, Harris knows who she is. During her acceptance speech, which capped the third night of the virtual Democratic National Convention, she spoke of her late mother, Shyamala Gopalan Harris, as having inspired her commitment to public service. Harris said she was "committed to the values (my mother) taught me, to the word that teaches me to walk by faith, and not by sight. And to a vision passed on through generations of Americans ... a vision of our nation as a beloved community where all are welcome, no matter what we look like, where we come from or who we love."

She excoriated President Donald Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, which "is not an equal opportunity offender. Black, Latino and indigenous people are suffering and dying disproportionately. This is not a coincidence. It is the effect of structural racism."

Harris described Trump as "a president who turns our tragedies into political weapons," and promised that Biden "will be a president who turns our challenges into purpose."

The convention address of a vice-presidential candidate is generally seen as a debut, an introduction to the nation. Harris is hardly an unknown – viewers could hardly have missed her high-profile interventions at televised congressional hearings or her go-for-the-jugular attacks during the Democratic debates. But those were tightly framed snapshots. Wednesday night was her opportunity to paint a more complete self-portrait.

One hopes she knows what is coming. Trump and his campaign have tried mightily to "define" Biden in a way that works to the president's advantage, and they have failed. They tried "cognitive decline," but he looks and sounds perfectly fit. They tried "tool of the far left," but his convention has gone out of its way to accommodate anti-Trump Republicans. The basic problem is that Biden has spent half a century in the public eye. He is a known quantity, an open book – and not particularly scary.

So my guess is that the right-wing smear machine will train much of its fire on Harris. The onslaught began last week with a barrage of "birther" racism, which seemed designed to highlight her genealogy – the daughter of Indian and Jamaican immigrants – and cloak her in a nimbus of exotic and dangerous "otherness." Next will surely come volley after volley of misogyny and smarmy innuendo. Members of her family will be scrutinized and slimed. It will get ugly.

"I know something about the slings and arrows she'll face," 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said during her remarks, adding that Harris "can handle them all."

Harris's best defense may be a good offense. In the first Democratic debate, she staggered Biden with a blow he never saw coming – an attack on his opposition, decades ago, to mandatory school busing as a remedy for what was then called "de facto" racial segregation.

When Biden was settling on his running mate, some of his advisers reportedly grumbled about the fact that Harris had never apologized to the then-presumptive Democratic nominee for throwing that punch. Biden resolved not to hold any grudges. But I hope he also admired the skill and fearlessness of Harris's cobra-like strike – and appreciated what a deadly weapon she could be when aimed at Trump and Pence.

Harris said that young activists are "patriots who remind us that to love our country is to fight for the ideals of our country. ... Let's fight with conviction. Let's fight with hope. Let's fight with confidence in ourselves, and a commitment to each other."

Emphasis on the word "fight." I hope Harris gets in touch with her inner Muhammad Ali. I hope she comes out swinging.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2020. There are 131 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

On this date:

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

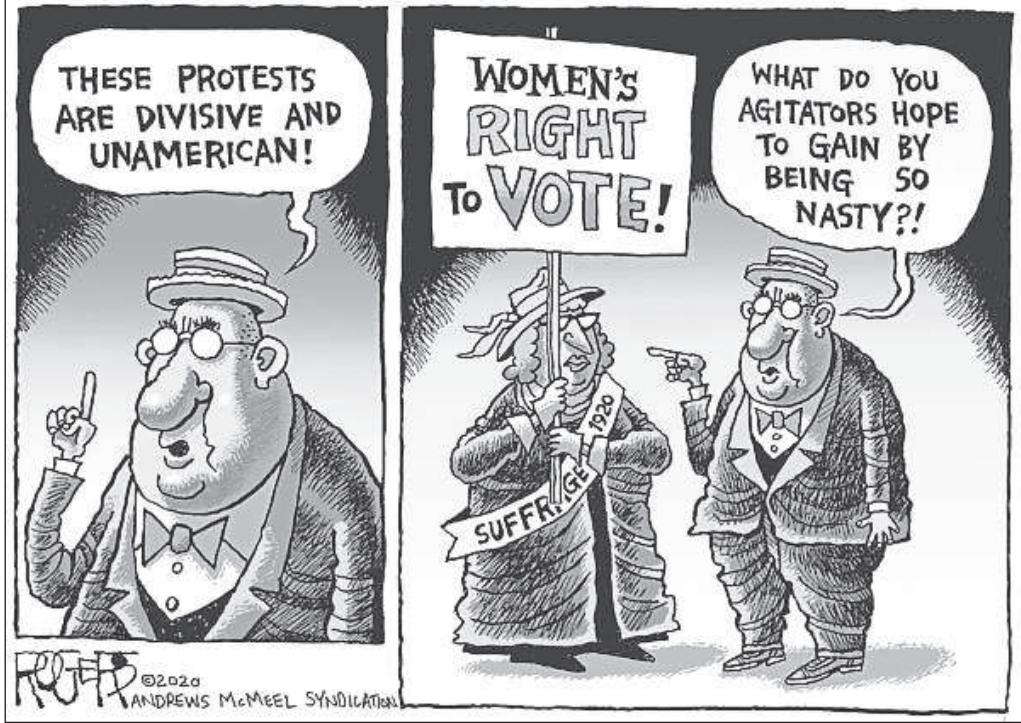
In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1862, French composer Claude Debussy was born in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Belgium.

In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.



Time to get Main Street moving again

Over the past few months, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of our lives to varying degrees, but our Hoosier-owned small businesses have been disproportionately harmed.

In an attempt to expedite Indiana's economic recovery, I have developed a six-point plan to rejuvenate the small businesses that mean so much to our state. I call this plan "Time to get Main Street moving again."

The first four initiatives will focus on getting legislation passed to help create a more business-friendly environment and help Indiana be more inviting to out-of-state companies looking to expand.

First, I want to help protect small businesses against frivolous lawsuits stemming from COVID-19. If a business has made a good-faith attempt to follow all public health guidelines, they should not be subject to lawsuits if a customer or employee somehow still contracts the disease. The threat of such lawsuits could be the factor that causes some locally owned businesses to close their doors forever. We need to do everything we can as a state to prevent that outcome.

Second, we need to reform small business venture credit to help Hoosier companies develop and allow for entrepreneurship opportunities. This

would eventually create more employment opportunities and expand Indiana's economy.

The third point of the plan is to reduce health insurance costs for small businesses by expanding their ability to join association health plans that pool resources and risk. In the 2020 legislative session, my colleagues and I passed Senate

Sen. Andy Zay



Enrolled Act 184, which gives farmers the ability to join such plans through the Indiana Farm Bureau. I believe we need to expand this same opportunity to other industries as well.

The fourth point is to give employers clarity that federal Paycheck Protection Program loans will be non-taxable at the state level. The federal government has already taken this step; now Indiana needs to enact the same policy so our small business owners aren't forced to live under two sets of rules.

The final two initiatives concern how Indiana should spend the stimulus dollars we have received under the federal CARES Act.

The first of these initiatives is to create new small business revolving loan and grant

programs. The guidelines of the CARES Act specifically state that funding may be used to assist small businesses in recovering from the economic shutdown. I believe the guidelines need to be amended to reach down to "Main Street USA" and get funds to local businesses that were impacted by the shutdown.

The second CARES Act initiative, and the final point of my plan, is to collaborate with the federal and state treasury to invest in internet connectivity. This pandemic has shown the importance of connectivity like never before through remote work, telehealth and e-learning. Indiana has already committed \$100 million to connectivity in the 2019 budget. We should commit an additional \$500 million in CARES Act funds to expand rural broadband and connect urban areas without internet access.

Although this next session will look different than it has in years past, I look forward to getting back to passing laws to improve the lives of Hoosiers and get Main Street moving again.

Please contact my office at Senator.Zay@iga.in.gov or 317-232-9400 with any comments, questions or concerns.

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LIFESTYLES



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Comfort and simplicity: Breadcrumbs and water

When the world is spinning and things feel out of control, the simplest of rituals are often the most comforting. This includes the manner in which we eat. Uncomplicated and resourceful meals are soothing and rewarding. It’s not necessary to deliberately skimp, but to use simple, minimal ingredients with little waste; ingredients that are easily purchased or unearthed in our kitchens.

This ethos is present in the following recipe, which takes inspiration from the most basic yet tastiest Italian pasta dishes. Aglio e Olio is a humble Napoli dish consisting of pasta, olive oil, cheese and dried red chili flakes, glistening with reserved pasta water. If you haven’t added pasta water to your kitchen toolbox, then it’s time you did.

The cooking water is loaded with starch and salt, and is a wonderful way to loosen a sauce or moisten noodles. This nifty, no-cost byproduct of the cooking process is best added in the last few minutes of preparing the dish. Another ingredient in this dish with humble Italian roots is breadcrumbs. Pasta con la mollica is a southern Italian dish in which breadcrumbs are considered part of the cucina povera – the “poor man’s cooking.” It may sound redundant to add bread to pasta, but well-toasted breadcrumbs are a fabulous flavor carrier and a resourceful way to use not-so-fresh bread. And like most dishes born of modest origins, it translates to a timeless and comforting dinner classic. To this recipe, I add fresh arugula, simply wilted by the heat of the cooked pasta, and bacon, arguably another resourceful and economical food. After all, who can say no to bacon?

Spaghetti With Bacon and Arugula
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes
Yield: Serves 4

8 ounces thick-cut bacon, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup breadcrumbs or panko (Japanese breadcrumbs)
1/4 cup plus 1 cup finely grated Parmesan or Pecorino Romano cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 pound spaghetti
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon dried red chili flakes, or more to taste
3 cups fresh arugula

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and fry until the fat renders and the bacon is crisp, 6 to 8 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to a plate lined with a paper towel. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat from the skillet. Add the breadcrumbs and toast over medium heat until

golden, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a bowl. Cool to room temperature and then stir in the 1/4 cup of the cheese, salt and black pepper and set aside.

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a rolling boil. Cook the pasta 1 minute less than the package instructions for al dente. Scoop out and reserve 1 cup cooking water and drain the pasta.

Heat the oil in a large, deep skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and chili flakes and saute until aromatic, about 1 minute. Add the drained pasta, 1/2 cup of the reserved water and the remaining 1 cup cheese, stirring and tossing constantly to melt the cheese and evenly coat the pasta. (If the pasta is too sticky, add additional water to moisten.)

Remove the skillet from the heat and add the bacon, arugula and half of the breadcrumb mixture. Stir to combine and slightly wilt the arugula. Serve immediately with the remaining breadcrumbs for sprinkling.

Saved by suburbs: Food trucks hit by virus find new foodies

By SALLY HO
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LYNNWOOD, Wash. — On a warm summer night, two food trucks pulled onto a tree-lined street in a hilltop neighborhood outside Seattle. The smell of grilled meat filled the air, and neighbors slurped on boba tea drinks. Toddlers, teens, their parents and dogs sat in the grass, chatting behind masks, laughing and mimicking imaginary hugs to stay socially distant while they waited for their food orders.

Long seen as an urban treasure, food trucks are now being saved by the suburbs during the coronavirus pandemic.

No longer able to depend

on bustling city centers, these small businesses on wheels are venturing out to where people are working and spending most of their time – home.

As food trucks hunt for customers that used to flock to them, they’re finding a captive audience thrilled to skip cooking dinner, sample new kinds of cuisines and mingle with neighbors on what feels like a night out while safely staying close to home.

“This is festival season, fun season. All the stuff we typically do as humans, we can’t do anymore,” said Matt Geller, president of the National Food Truck Association. “Walking out to a food truck is a taste of normalcy, and it feels really good.”

YS Street Food Group owner Yuli Shen discovered the hilltop Seattle-area neighborhood through Facebook, and she and a friend who runs the Dreamy Drinks boba tea truck went out together recently and served customers for three hours.

It’s a change and a relief for Shen. Before the pandemic, she raked in money by parking at Amazon’s campus near downtown Seattle, where hordes of office workers would line up for lunchtime Chinese rice bowls. By July, she was frantically searching for somewhere to go.

“It’s very hard to find a location to park, and so we have to find a different place and different people. It’s harder to run the business, but we’re trying,”

Shen said.

Weekday lunchtime business is the bulk of the revenue for an average food truck, which may make \$800 to \$1,200 a day, Geller said. And lucrative appearances at major summer festivals and community events padded them for leaner winter months. Since stay-at-home orders earlier this year emptied out city centers and canceled gatherings, many food trucks – like brick-and-mortar restaurants – have gone out of business or aren’t sure when they’ll open again.

Food trucks adjusted their business model as they headed to the suburbs: They focus on dinner, adding kid-friendly options and preparing for larger orders.

Now playing at the mall parking lot: movies, drag shows

By JOSEPH PISANI
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NEW YORK — Angel Dougherty went to the mall last month – not to shop, but to watch a drive-in drag show in the parking lot.

“This year has been so anxiety filled and chaotic, I figured this experience would be something to lighten the mood,” says Dougherty, who paid to see the stars of TV’s “RuPaul’s Drag Race” dance in front of hundreds of parked cars at a shopping center in Paramus, New Jersey.

After being closed for months due to the coronavirus pandemic, malls are

bringing all types of drive-in entertainment to their massive parking lots, hoping to lure people back to their properties.

A mall in upstate New York, for example, is hosting a drive-in wrestling match. Others around the country are bringing movies or magic shows that can be watched from a car.

It’s a way to reintroduce people to the mall and eventually get them inside to shop, says retail consultant Kate Newlin. But that’s still a hard sell for anxious shoppers, especially with coronavirus cases spiking around the country.

“Nobody wants to go there,” Newlin says about malls. “Nobody wanted to go there before COVID.”

Malls have struggled to attract shoppers for years as more people shop online. But the pandemic has hit malls especially hard. Stores that they depend on, such as J.C. Penney, have filed for bankruptcy and are permanently closing several locations. Other mall tenants, such as the Gap, stopped paying rent while their stores were temporarily closed.

Retail consultant Jan Rogers Kniffen believes that up to half of the 1,000 malls in the U.S. will either close or

be unrecognizable in the next two years. Before the pandemic, he expected only 300 to close over the next decade.

The drive-ins mean extra money for malls since production companies typically pay to rent a section of the parking lot. Details of the deals are kept private, but Newlin says renting out the parking lot won’t make up for the loss of losing a major tenant like J.C. Penney.

Malls can benefit in other ways: Some deliver meals from the food court to the parking lot. Others encourage movie goers to park a couple of hours before showtime to pick up dinner inside.

Company retirement match remains the norm

The overwhelming majority of companies offering matching contributions to their employee retirement plans have continued putting money on the table to help their workers save for retirement during the coronavirus downturn.

Only 11 percent of employers suspended their company match in the second quarter, according to the latest retirement savings trend report from Fidelity Investments.

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As the spread of the novel coronavirus began to affect the economy earlier this year, many companies, forced to close and send employees home, suspended or reduced matching contributions to their employee retirement plans. Amtrak, citing an unprecedented loss of ridership and revenue because of the pandemic, suspended its 401(k) match.

During the Great Recession, many companies reduced or suspended matching contributions. Financial experts often chide workers for not contributing at least enough to workplace retirement plans such as a 401(k) account to get the maximum match offer by their companies. Fidelity said the most popular match formula for the plans it manages is a 100 percent match for the first 3 percent of employee contributions, and then a 50 percent match for the next 2 percent. About 40 percent of 401(k) plans use this formula, according to Fidelity.

More than three-quarters of workers received an employer contribution in the second quarter. The average employer contribution was \$1,080.

“The company match can help drive participation in a workplace savings plan while providing employees with a savings goal to aim for, so we are encouraged to see that the majority of our clients continued to provide this important retirement savings benefit,” said Kevin Barry, president of workplace investing at Fidelity.

Among employers who suspended the company match, 32 percent said they plan to reinstate the benefit within the next year, and 48 percent have plans to restore their matches as soon as corporate finances improve, according to the Fidelity report. Only 6 percent said they have no plans to go back to matching employee contributions.

The report also found that many retirement plan investors weren’t scared off by the volatility in the stock market. Eighty-eight percent of workers contributed to their 401(k), dropping only slightly from last quarter’s record high of 89 percent, Fidelity reported.

Just under 1 percent of 401(k) investors stopped their retirement contributions, and 9 percent increased their contribution rate.

If you can afford it, consider increasing your own contributions if your employer has suspended its match.

In a related issue about retirement plans, a reader wanted to know about making a withdrawal under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Q: Under the Cares Act, can we take a withdrawal from my husband’s 401(a) without being penalized? I’m not sure my company is going to allow a hardship withdrawal.

A: A 401(a) is similar to the more familiar 401(k) plan. But this workplace retirement plan is generally for people working for a nonprofit organization, educational institution or government agency.

The CARES Act, which passed in late March, includes several provisions that cover retirement accounts. The act temporarily increases how much you can borrow from your retirement and waives the penalty for an early withdrawal.

If you’re younger than 59½, you’re ordinarily subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, in addition to income tax owed, if you remove money from an IRA, 401(a) or similar retirement account. However, under the Cares Act, if you have experienced financial hardship related to the pandemic, the 10 percent penalty is waived for distributions up to \$100,000.

Here are other situations covered under the Cares Act:

- You’re unable to work for lack of child care.
- You’ve had to close or reduce the hours of a business.
- Your self-employment income has been reduced.
- You have a member of your household who has lost a job or income or had an employment offer rescinded, or even experienced a delay in the start date for a job. This might include a spouse, live-in partner or an adult child who has moved back home. For purposes of applying these expanded rules, a member of the individual’s household is someone who shares the individual’s principal residence.

The coronavirus-related relief does not require employers to change the provisions of their retirement plans to allow for the benefits provided by the CARES Act. The IRS also clarified that administrators of retirement plans can establish procedures to identify which withdrawals are considered coronavirus-related.

Even if an employer plan doesn’t consider a distribution to be pandemic-related, individuals can “self-certify” on their federal tax returns that a distribution was qualified, the IRS said.

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Worship

Who’s really hurting God

I find myself in the odd position of being grateful this summer for both Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Donald Trump. The two celebrity politicians may have more in common than we realize. First, AOC did the unexpected – she put Saint Damien of Molokai in the news, accusing the martyr and Hawaiian hero of being part of our problems – representative of “patriarchy and white supremacist culture” – and so she wants his statue out of the Capitol rotunda. Meanwhile, we should all aspire to love with the kind of selfless love that Father Damien possessed. In 19th-century Hawaii, the Belgian priest served in a leper colony, helping people that were not only cast out,

but actively feared, due to the contagious nature of their horrible disease. Clearly, he should be a saint for these pandemic times! In a sense, there’s something very grim about the very phrase “social distancing.” By all means, do it, as it’s necessary to keep ourselves and others healthy – but do not let the necessary barriers separate us from the love of God and our fellow humans. For his part, Donald Trump has now infamously talked about hurting God. He, of course, was making a case

for his reelection – and, it would seem, giving a gift to Joe Biden, who can now use his Catholicism to his advantage because of the president’s over-the-top characterization. And yet, the fact of the matter is that we do hurt God. We hurt God with our sins. And, goodness, politics and all the things that surround it are certainly ridden with sin. But the problem with what President Trump said is that it is not only the evil of legal abortion – which Joe Biden has come to embrace with all the enthusiasm of the most radical elements of his party – that hurts God. Cruelty and contempt hurt God. Immorality hurts God. There are degrees, to be sure, and distinctions. And they are

important. But so is integrity and humility in leadership. The fact of the matter is that we all hurt God. Maybe the locked churches on Good Friday this year did us some real damage. Typically in churches on that holy day, there are annual read-throughs of the Passion of Jesus Christ, a focused reminder that it’s not some crowd from two millennia ago – “them” – who crucified Christ. It’s us, the people who Christ dies for, sinning today. That is the most brutal and humbling reality. And right now, this should be at the top of our minds. These are times for an examination of conscience, personally and culturally. Whatever one’s beliefs,

we’ve been given a treasure in life itself. What have we been doing with it? Are our priorities straight? We’ve got one shot at this, and time is running out. That’s a political question, too. In this culture of cancellation, how many of us wouldn’t like to cancel this reality TV show that has become our politics? Demand better choices. This isn’t entertainment. We’re here to be good stewards of great gifts. Repent and renew. Rebuild. With a new respect for life and a willingness to rejoice in, not be repulsed by, differences. We can learn from one another if we would have a little mercy. A writer recently dubbed AOC the future of the Catholic Church. Breaking

news, though: The future of the Catholic Church is Jesus Christ. And his example could help us about now. It’s dangerous to expect from politics what politics has no business providing. This is a culture that makes saviors of politicians. So, thanks to AOC and DJT for pointing in the direction of God, whatever their intentions. Contempt destroys. Grateful creatures, on the other hand, move forward with hope. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

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Cornel West and Robert George keep fighting for tolerance

America is so divided that 50 percent of “strong liberals” say they would fire business executives who donate money to reelect President Donald Trump. Then again, 36 percent of “strong conservatives” would fire executives who donate to Democrat Joe Biden’s campaign. This venom has side effects. Thus, 62 percent of Americans say they fear discussing their political beliefs with others, according to a national poll by the Cato Institute and the global research firm YouGov. A third of those polled thought their convictions could cost them their jobs. That’s the context for the efforts of Cornel West of Harvard University and Princeton’s Robert George to defend tolerant, constructive debates in the public square. West is a Black Baptist liberal and George is a white Catholic conservative. “We need the honesty and courage not to compromise our beliefs or go silent on them out of a desire to be accepted, or out of fear of being ostracized, excluded or canceled,” they wrote in a recent Boston Globe commentary. “We need the honesty and courage to recognize and acknowledge that there are reasonable people of good will who do not share even some of our deepest, most cherished beliefs. ... We need the honesty and courage to treat decent and honest people with whom we disagree – even on the most consequential questions – as

partners in truth-seeking and fellow citizens ... not as enemies to be destroyed. And we must always respect and protect their human rights and civil liberties.” They closed with an appeal to Trump and Biden, reminding them that “victories can be pyrrhic, destroying the very thing for which the combatants struggle. When that thing is our precious American experiment in ordered liberty and republican democracy, its destruction would be a tragedy beyond all human powers of reckoning.” It’s distressing that this essay didn’t inspire debates on social media and in the embattled opinion pages of American newspapers, noted Elizabeth Scalia, editor at large of Word on Fire, a Catholic apologetics ministry. After all, West and George are influential thinkers with clout inside

the D.C. Beltway, and they spoke out during a hurricane of anger and violence – literal and verbal – in American life. “Apparently, a statement that is not about drawing blood or scoring points for a particular ‘side’ is not interesting enough – or perhaps just not ‘clickable’ enough – to be given the attention it deserves,” wrote Scalia, who is known as “The Anchor-ess” online. West and George have been friends for 13 years, dating back to team-teaching Princeton classes covering “great texts” ranging from Plato to St. Augustine, and from John Stewart Mill to Martin Luther King Jr. The bottom line, for both, is that personal integrity matters more than political tribalism and ideology. “All the pressures are on us to become part of a team, to become part of a tribe,

never to criticize our own side, always to go along,” said George during an appearance with West at Baylor University near the end of 2019. “This can be on the right or it can be on the left, it doesn’t make a bit of difference. You have the same thing across the political spectrum,” he said. “Cornel is on the progressive side. I am on the conservative side. We have both had exactly the same experience of being alienated ... because in conscience we can’t go along with this or that or the other thing.” Both men stressed that honest, even blunt, civil discourse is possible if participants truly listen to people on the other side and are committed to seeking truth – not just power. It’s possible to move forward as colleagues, even while disagreeing on life-defining issues. West said it’s sad that, during his travels with George, many people are shocked that they are friends at the level of Christian faith and family life. “We know that deep, genuine friendships are never reducible to agreement on public policy,” said West. Then again, “one of the things we agree on at a very deep level is how you keep alive the Socratic legacy of Athens and the prophetic legacy of Jerusalem. That’s spiritual, that’s existential, that’s political.” Civility is essential, but it will not be enough, said West. “We want respect,” he said. “You’ve got to learn how to respect each other, in our deep disagreements.” Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

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Most sponsors still support the club despite event cancellation

The Wabash Kiwanis Club is thanking those local businesses and organizations that recently decided to allow the club to keep their support despite the cancellation of its 2020 Pancake Day, according to Eric Seaman, board president.

The club's largest annual fundraiser, Pancake Day, was rescheduled twice for this summer, and was ultimately canceled due to COVID-19 concerns about the health of the club and the public.

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committed extra dollars as the sponsor for the event's Pancake-Eating Contest, as well as: AgVenture McKillip Seeds, Beacon Credit Union, Bulldog Battery Corp., the city of Wabash, Crossroads Bank, Dawes & Pugh CPAs LLC, Dorais Chevrolet Buick GMC, Eads & Son Bulldozing, Inc., Edward Jones, First Merchants Bank, The Ford Meter Box Company, Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management, Kellam, Kirtlan Automot-

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The club's many service projects in the area include support of Key Clubs at Wabash and Northfield high schools, support of K-Kids clubs at O.J. Neighbours and Sharp Creek elementary schools, sponsorship of the Wabash County Spelling Bee, renovating local park playgrounds, continuing the Club's fifth grade book program, supplying the Kate's

Wabash Kiwanis also supports youth- and community-focused initiatives like Riley Hospital for Children, the Eagles Theatre renovation, FAME, the Honeywell Foundation's Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) and Educational Outreach programs, the Wabash County Scholarship Pageant, Founder's Day, Wabash Area Community Theater, the Wabash High School volleyball team's Kills for a Cure fundraiser and more.

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"I wanted to play guitar basically to get girls," said French. "A guy on stage at this music camp and he said, 'Don't judge Jesus on the broken people he came to save. Because broken people hurt broken people. But, Jesus wants broken people.' I realized I had judged Christianity, I judged Jesus, I judged God on my dad, on the broken people that kicked me out of the church, on all the circumstances of people. And I never met Jesus. And so I stopped looking at people around me and I started looking for the guy who sent his son to die for me. And it was a lot different than what I found in the people around me."

"That's what I've been doing since I was 13. I just called up little youth groups

"I said, 'I just want to write something honest and whatever comes out that's the genre that I'll do. And until God leads me somewhere else or gives me other songs or I write other things, I feel like this is what feels honest to me.' And the way I grew up, it was a household that honesty wasn't valued. It was all about painting a picture that looked perfect. So, as a

little boy, I wanted the opposite of that. I wanted the opposite of false. I wanted the opposite of fake. I wanted the opposite of those things. So in my songwriting, that's how I approach it. And if it's not a song that I need, if it's not a song that gets me through my day, then I'm not going to write it and I'm not going to sing it," said French.

"The biggest day of my life was planned to be that summer, it was Aug. 1, the day of my wedding. The TV show was supposed to end at the end of August," said French. "I was like, 'Well, there's no way I can do it. We already have deposits on venues and invitations sent out.' So when they called me to tell me I made the show, they wanted me to come out to LA for

"(I was) flying in the middle of the show to come to get married on a Friday and then flying back on Saturday to perform on live television on Sunday morning in Los Angeles," said French. "It was a wild journey. I've been sing-


French said from there, they


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Manchester defeats Mississinewa in girls' soccer

Squires hosts Wawasee at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

By **SCOTT HUNT**
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

The difference in the girls' soccer match between Manchester and Mississinewa was as simple as taking advantage of opportunities.

The Squires did so more often and spoiled the Indians' season-opener by a 4 to 1 decision.

Manchester senior Emma Garriott scored two of her three goals in the first half and junior goalkeeper Kindra Stetzel and the Squire defense made connecting passes a challenge for Ole Miss.

"Their goalie was good," said Indians' coach Andrea Wilson of Stetzel, who was credited with 12 saves. "We struggled at first to get some through balls through. Once we get those, we send a ball through and we're going to beat people on speed. We did tonight. We just didn't find the back of the net.

"But we struggled to get it through them," she added. "They were pretty tight back there."

Garriott staked Manchester to a 1-0 nearly 17 minutes into the first half, but over the next 12 minutes, Mississinewa used long passes and speedy attackers to get behind the Squire defenders and create good scoring opportunities.

Ole Miss senior Alyana Webb had her first shot turned away by Stetzel. A couple of minutes after, both sophomore Lia Luchetti and senior Taylor Ulerick had one-on-one chances against the Squire keeper and each shot sailed just wide.

With 11 minutes remaining until half, Luchetti once again found herself one-on-one with Stetzel, who repelled two shots before corraling the ball.

Luchetti scored the equalizer for the Indians with 5:16 to play in the half by knocking in a rebound after Stetzel made a save on a shot by Webb.

"It could have been a different game. We could've been up four at the half," Wilson said of her

team's missed first-half chances. "Three different opportunities that we beat ourselves up there and then we're in our heads. Trying to get them out of it and move on isn't always easy."

Less than two minutes after Ole Miss tied the score, Garriott showed off her speed and ball-handling ability by weaving through the defense and sending a shot into the net past Indians keeper Savannah Herrera.

Manchester took its 2-1 lead to intermission.

"She is huge for us this year," said Manchester coach Jen Birch of Garriott.

"Just the way she can move with the ball on her foot. Her speed and her breakaway are huge for us and we're big on working as a team. She gives credit to the passes coming to her. She knows that it starts in the back and works up. She's a phenomenal player."

Garriott's hat-trick goal came with just over 21 minutes remaining in the game and senior Beletu Stout added another insurance goal less than four minutes later.

Manchester opened its season with a loss at Columbia City on Monday and used lessons from that match to improve against Ole Miss.

"We connected our passes a whole lot better," Birch said. "The first half we kept trying to pound it right up the middle. Finally, in the second half we were spreading the field, moving it and using drop passes.

"They connected more in the second half," she added. "Just getting used to the speed of the ball (on artificial turf). We play on grass non-stop so a lot of new people are not used to it. By the second half, it was better."

Wilson was not only disappointed by the loss for Ole Miss, she was frustrated with the overall performance of her team, particularly the way the Indians handled and passed the ball.

"I feel like we've worked on ball touches, but we need to work a little more. Our traps, we just



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Manchester goalie Kindra Stetzel prepares to face a shot in the Squires 4 to 1 win at Mississinewa Wednesday evening.

were not touching the ball well," she said.

"Even our skill players that always trap a ball well, they were just rough tonight. It's not like us. I don't know if it was first-game jitters or what, but they better get over it."

To compound problems for Ole Miss, Webb, who led the team with 22 goals last season, had to be carried off the field with an apparent leg injury late in the second half.

Mississinewa is set to host Delta on Saturday at 10 a.m. Wilson said she'll be looking for a better all-around effort from her team then.

"We know what we need to work on," Wilson said. "I feel like we've worked on a lot of it, but we need more work in practice.

"We need Saturday to find our energy," she continued. "... Their energy just wasn't there. It wasn't there in warmups, I could tell. Usually, you can tell as soon as they come out there, we're going to have it tonight or we're going to struggle and I knew they were going to struggle."

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Penske to give command to start engines for Indy 500

By **JENNA FRYER**
AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Roger Penske will give the command to start the engines for the Indianapolis 500. Penske will take over a role held by the late Tony Hulman or the Hulman-George family for decades.

Penske in January became the fourth owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The track on Friday confirmed to The Associated Press that it will be Penske giving the command.

Speedway officials also confirmed the Andretti family will be honored before Marco Andretti leads the field to green. Mario Andretti, the 1969 winner of the race, drives the IndyCar two-seater for the series before events and will be joined by son, Michael, for the ride.

Marco Andretti is the first Andretti on the pole for the Indy 500 since Mario Andretti in 1987.

The two-seater ride for Mario and Michael will mark the first time three generations of the racing family will be on track together at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"I'm one of the few that can say I've been teammates with both my father and my son, and now to have the opportunity for all three of us to be on track together, on race day at IMS, is really special," Michael Andretti said. "Dad and I are really excited to do this together, but we're still fighting about who's going to drive."

The starter for the Indy 500, meanwhile, is an important element to the tradition of the race and made famous when Hulman began giving it in 1955. Hulman was a soft-spoken man who would rehearse the line in order to perfectly deliver the command in a proud and vociferous manner.

Hulman's widow took over the honor following his 1977 death, and it then went to their daughter, Mari George, and ultimately his grandson, Tony George.

Squires volleyball sweep the Tigers in home opener

The Lady Squires were next in action Thursday against North Miami

By **BRIDGET NASH**
Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer

The Manchester High School campus was full of sports action on Tuesday, Aug. 18. While the Squires cross country team hosted Oak Hill and Southwood on the outdoor course, the Lady Squires volleyball team opened their season inside the gymnasium against the Peru Lady Tigers.

For the past three weeks, both teams have been training in a new way to comply with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) safety regulations.

For many of these girls, being cooped up for several months has lit a fire in them to get after it on the court, said Melissa West, Lady Squires varsity head coach.

The Squires are returning seven seniors, two of which have been playing varsity for three years.

"I try to be encouraging especially after really good kills," said libero Ali Sites, senior. "Even with the short time we've had to train, I thought it showed that we've been good tonight."

A long opening rally started the first game, with the lady Squires going on a 4 to 0 run forcing the Tigers to take a time-out. Freshman Paxton Baker opened her high school career with a run of serves, helping push the team to their 25 to 14 game one win.

Game two was back and forth. Manchester pulled a great team together for a game two win, 25 to 21. Opening game three, the lady squires held their momentum and went up 18 to 7 and forced another Tiger time-out. Game three



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Kenzy Meyer, junior, and Aubree Lambert and Kendra Kline, seniors, celebrate after a kill from Meyer. Meyer ended the night with seven kills total.

ended with a final score of 25 to 11, giving the Lady Squires a 3 to 0 win.

The Manchester Junior Varsity volleyball squad played a hard-fought match as well. Early in game one, Aliala Atienza, sophomore, had key digs that helped send the lady squires to win the first game 25 to 23.

Game two was just as close. With kills and assists spread across the team's stat line, the Squires took game two with a score of 25 to 20, winning the match 2 to 0. Atienza ended the game with three digs, and Kaidyn Howard, freshman, opened her season with an impressive three aces.

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Wabash falls to Eastbrook

The Apaches face off Tuesday against Tippecanoe Valley

By **BRIDGET NASH**
Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer

With the construction continuing at the Wabash High School campus, the Wabash men's soccer team opened their home season Wednesday at the Field of Dreams against the Eastbrook Panthers.

"We are trying to find where our younger players fit in our system going forward," said Bill Benysh, Wabash head coach.

The Apaches squad is young this year, after graduating eight starters last season, the team is looking to build and learn.

"I try to push people in practice and help them get better. If they have questions, I answer them and try to teach them to the best of my ability," said Andrew Dinkins, junior captain.

The first half was a battle from both teams. Within the first possession, the Panthers attacked the Apache's defensive third and received a corner kick. Turnovers from the Panther's possessions led to strong counterattacks from the Apaches. No. 4 was pressuring the backline with much pace. The half ended 0 to 0.

The front end of the first half, Eastbrook came out swinging. However, Greyson DeBoard, junior goalie, had a great save at the front end of the first half keeping the score at zeroes.

A few minutes later, the Panthers marched down the field and crossed a ball in where Eastbrook senior Jacob McKim was ready to strike putting Eastbrook up 1 to 0.

Wabash had a chance to tie it up with a free-kick a few yards from



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Grant Carandante, senior forward, races Sam Spiegel, Eastbrook goalie, to kick it over the top towards the goal.

the top of the box, but the attempt was no good.

A corner kick led to the next goal by number Eastbrook's Lucas Shilts, putting the Panthers lead to 2-0. After a great initial save by the goalie towards the end of the game, freshman Isaiah Shutt was in the box for the re-

bound into the goal, pushing the panthers to their final score of 3 to 0. DeBoard totaled 10 saves for the night.

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Boyfriend’s confession rocks his once-solid relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of four years recently admitted that he cheated on me six months ago. I was blindsided. Until the day he told me, I thought we shared everything. The hollowness and betrayal I feel is sometimes overwhelming. He explained that at the time, he was dealing with substance issues and depression, which I was also unaware of. Both have worsened in recent months. How could I have been so blind?

To complicate things further, I have a 6-year-old son who has grown to love this man as a father because my ex-husband walked out on us when he was born. He has been an amazing role model for my son, and overall, a wonderful partner – or so I thought.

He says he’s heartbroken over the pain he’s caused me. He recently started receiving treatment for his depression through medication and therapy, and he has begged me to go to couples therapy to rebuild the trust that’s been lost.

I was taught to believe that cheating is the end of a relationship, no ifs, ands or buts. I don’t want to end the relationship, but I’m struggling with the decision because of what I was taught, especially when I confide in friends and they tell me to dump him.

I wish I knew what to do. I need an objective opinion. Can a relationship survive such a betrayal? Can we be happy again? – Hollow In New York

DEAR HOLLOW: The answers to your questions are yes and yes – especially if both partners are fully committed and prepared to get couples therapy from a licensed professional. If you love this man and want to give this relationship a chance, quit confiding in your friends and start talking with the therapist. Your boyfriend is remorseful, he is also in treatment, and he is trying his best to get better and work things out. Please give him the opportunity to do that because, if you do, your story may have a happy ending.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old single woman living alone during quarantine. I have no family who live in-state.

Admittedly, I’ve struggled with loneliness during quarantine, and my family knows this. For weeks, I have been fending off my dad’s attempts to fly cross-country and visit. I don’t think it’s safe and have told him no.

Today, he told me that he is making plane reservations, it doesn’t matter what I say or want. I know this comes from a place of love, but he is completely disregarding my feelings, especially since I have been extremely careful in quarantine and he hasn’t been. Is there a way I can keep this visit from happening? – Home Alone In Rhode Island

DEAR HOME ALONE: Yes, there is. Tell your father plainly you are afraid of being exposed to the virus because he hasn’t been as careful about exposure as you have been. If he still insists, tell him he must bring with him proof that he has tested negative, and even then you won’t see him unless you are both masked, gloved and practicing social distancing. He should also not plan on staying with you.

If that doesn’t discourage him, when he arrives, see him outside and remain 6 feet apart in case he has been exposed at the airport or on the plane.

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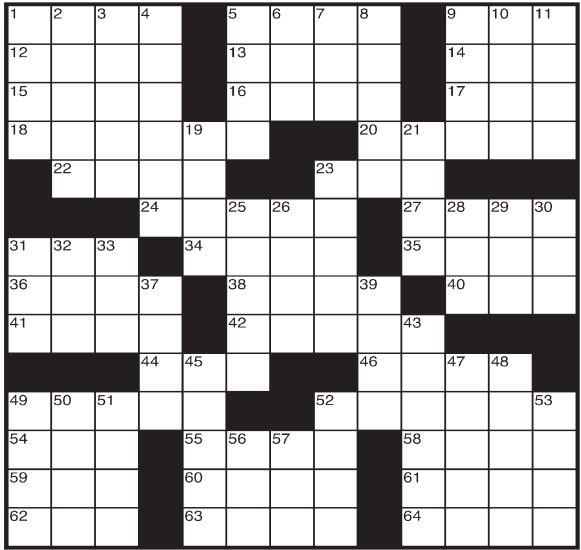
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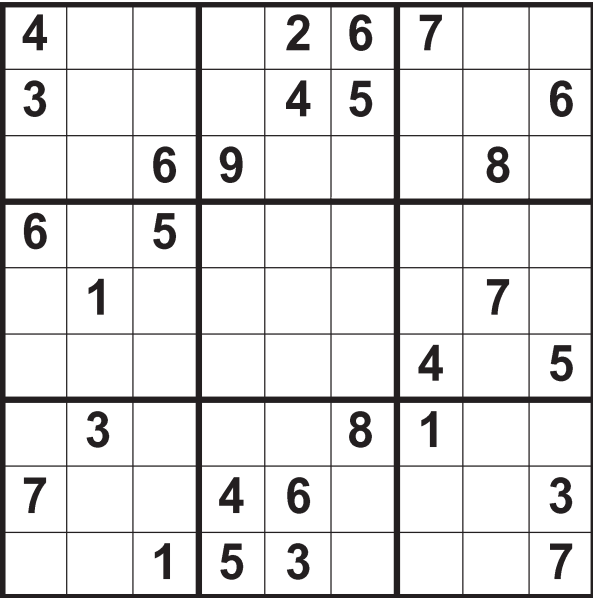
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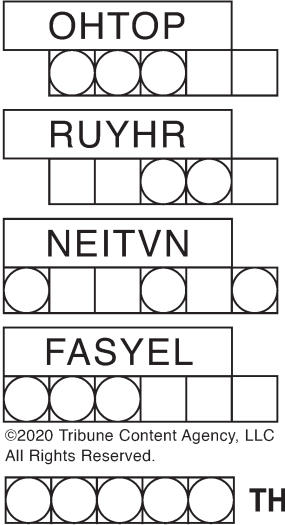
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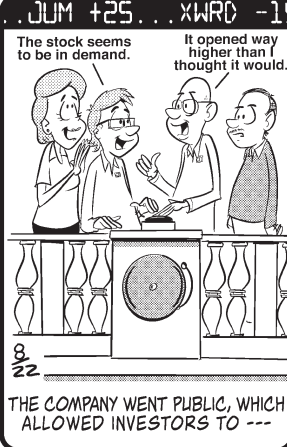


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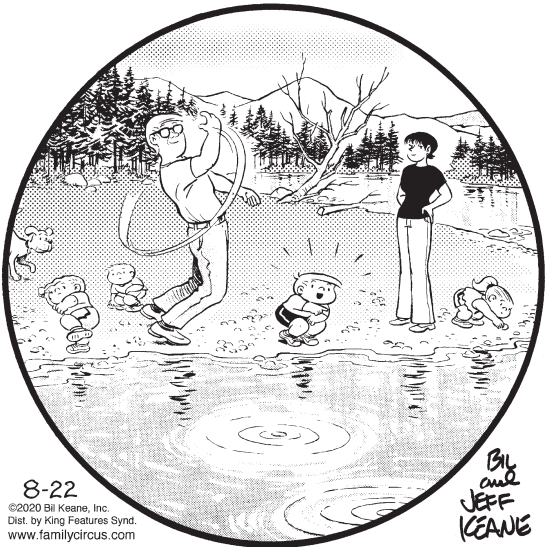


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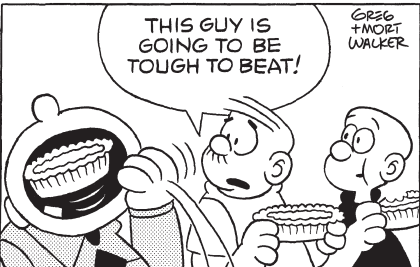
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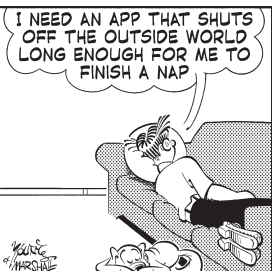
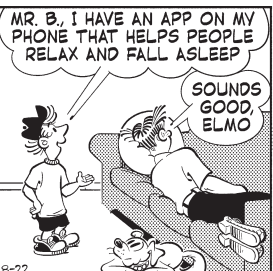


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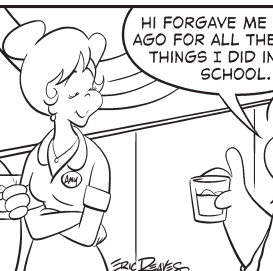
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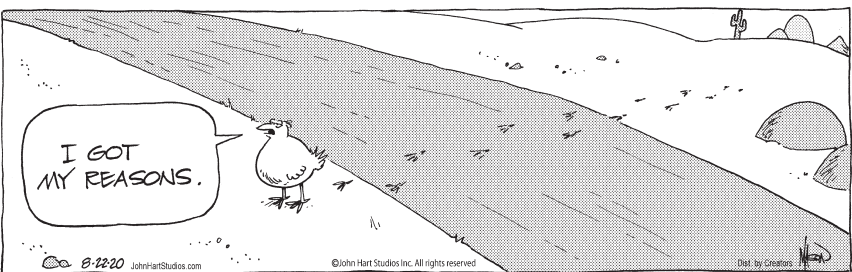
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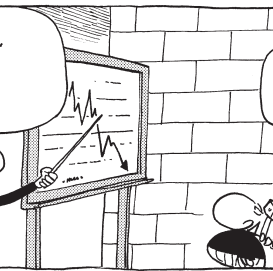
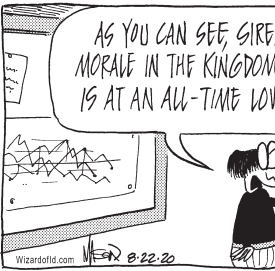
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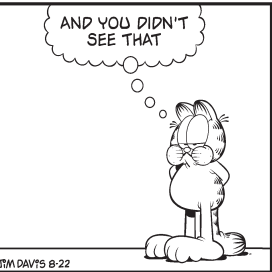
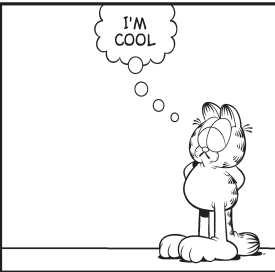
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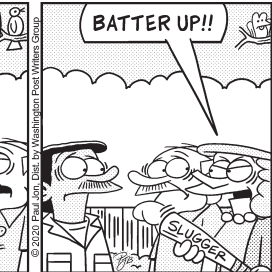
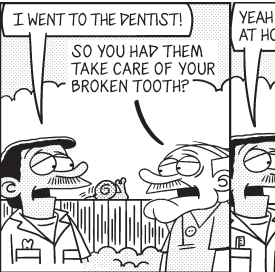
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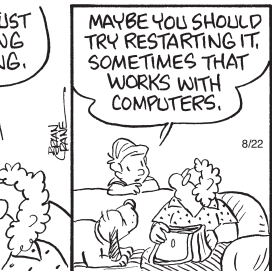
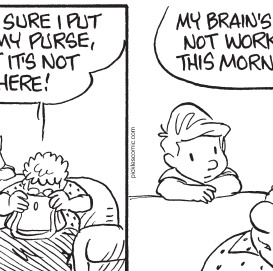
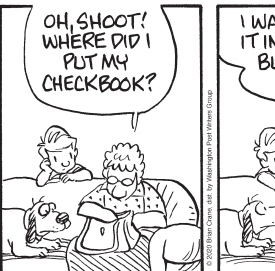
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Christ’s sacrifice is secret of Christianity’s survival

Q: Other people have died on crosses, why then is the cross normally connected to Jesus and not others? I understand that Jesus suffered death on a cross but what does it mean to call it a sacrificial cross? – C.T.

A: The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very heart of Christianity. The sacrificial cross of Christ is the secret of Christianity’s survival through all the ages and the hope of its victory in the ages to come.

The cross is more than an example. It is more than a system of ethics. It is the mighty act of God’s justice and love. God is saying to the whole world, “I love you. I am willing to forgive your sins.” God is saying to all of those who are filled with guilt today, “Your sins are forgiven because I

crucified your sins on the cross.”

Every person reading these words is guilty of sin, and there is no way to remove that stain of guilt except by the sacrifice of Christ; and no one but Jesus is able to do this for the human race.

In Westminster Abbey there is a memorial erected in memory of Major John André, with whom Benedict Arnold negotiated for the surrender of the fortress of West Point and who was hanged as a spy on Oct. 2, 1780. It was a case where

the man who ought to have been hung escaped and the man who was caught in a strange series of circumstances was hung. Just before his execution, André he wrote a poem entitled, “Hail, Sovereign Love.”

He expressed how his own soul was too proud to seek Christ, until he realized that Christ had become the substitution for his sin. He looked to the cross of Jesus and found a glorious and wonderful peace, and this is available to all who will submit to Him as Savior and Lord.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“T O T Z UEOVGRTRTEZ RE AG AGRRGB
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LZP RE AG AGRRGB REOEBC RILZ
REZTJIR.” — UILBDTG PLZTGDK

Previous Solution: “Charlie (Daniels) was the first legendary artist to take me under his wing ... always there ... when I needed him.” — Travis Tritt
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. No Services at Church. Live broadcast Sunday Morning at 8:30am 95.9 KISS FM

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

LUTHERAN

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. Service streaming on our Facebook page.

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages. "NO SERVICES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED"

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Bible Reading						
Jonah 1:1-17	Jonah 2:1-10	Jonah 3:1-10	Jonah 4:1-11	Zeph. 1:1-18	Zeph. 2:1-15	Zeph. 3:1-20
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society. Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org						
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